

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 9-11, 14 and 16 have been amended to correct clerical errors. In addition new claims 20-26 have been added. An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

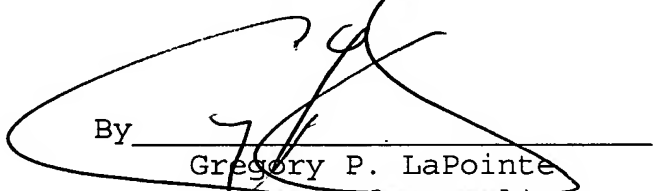
A check in the amount of \$528.00 is enclosed herewith for the extra claim fees.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

Tokimi Nago et al.

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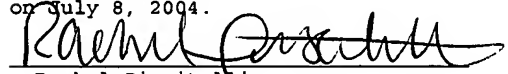
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